

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

**DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

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**TITLE 13: DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES****NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (the department) proposes to add Section 82.00, Uniform Insurance Card, in Chapter 1, Division 1, Article 2.3 of Title 13, California Code of Regulations, governing the department's Financial Responsibility requirements.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing regarding this proposed regulatory action is not scheduled. However, a public hearing will be held if any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative requests a public hearing to be held relevant to the proposed action by submitting a written request to the contact person identified in this notice no later than 5:00 P.M., fifteen (15) days prior to the close of the written comment period.

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulations to the contact person identified in this notice. All written comments must be received at the department no later than 5:00 P.M. on September 23, 2002, the final day of the written comment period, in order for them to be considered by the department before it adopts the proposed regulations.

**AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE**

The department proposes to adopt the proposed action under the authority granted by Vehicle Code section 4000.37 and Vehicle Code section 1651 in order to implement, interpret or make specific Vehicle Code section 4000.37

**INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

Vehicle Code section 4000.37 provides that the department shall require that the applicant submit either a form approved by the department, but issued by the insurer ... as evidence that the applicant is in compliance with the financial responsibility laws of this state. To conform to this requirement, the department is proposing to adopt the Uniform Insurance Card form specifications for submission of hard copy insurance forms in Title 13, Article 2.33, Section 82.00, California Code of Regulations. Exemptions from these regulations are outlined in Vehicle Code section 4000.37.

This proposal would add Section 82.00 to specify the size, type, and content for a Uniform Insurance Card.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

- Cost Or Savings To Any State Agency: None.
- Other Non-Discretionary Cost or Savings to Local Agencies: None.
- Costs or Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.
- Cost Impact on Representative Private Persons or Businesses: Insurers who do not choose to file proof of insurance for their clients electronically will bear an expense from this regulation. The department, however, has taken efforts to minimize the costs while creating a uniformly standard form that can be produced by insurers.
- Effect on Housing Costs: None.

## **DETERMINATIONS**

The department has made the following initial determinations concerning the proposed regulatory action:

- The proposed regulatory action has no effect that would have significant statewide economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The regulatory action proposed by the department provides specifications for a uniform insurance card required under Vehicle Code Section 4000.37. Insurance companies have an option of using this form or filing proof of insurance information with the department electronically.
- The adoption of this regulation will neither create nor eliminate jobs or businesses in the state of California, will not result in the elimination of existing businesses, and will neither reduce nor expand businesses currently doing business in the state of California.
- The proposed regulatory action will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts, or a mandate which requires reimbursement pursuant to part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.
- The proposed regulatory action will not affect small businesses since insurance companies are not defined as small businesses under Section 11342.610 of the Government Code.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The department must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the department or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action

is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

#### **CONTACT PERSON**

Inquiries relevant to the proposed action and questions on the substance of the proposed regulations should be directed to the department representative, Ann Myrick, Department of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 932382, Mail Station E-244, Sacramento, California 94232-3820; telephone number (916) 657-8857, or [amyrick@dmv.ca.gov](mailto:amyrick@dmv.ca.gov). In the absence of the department representative, inquiries may be directed to the Regulations Coordinator, Deborah Baity, at (916) 657-5690 or [dbaity@dmv.ca.gov](mailto:dbaity@dmv.ca.gov). The fax number for the Regulations Branch is (916) 657-1204.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

The department has prepared an initial statement of reasons for the proposed action, and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based. The express terms of the proposed action are written in plain English and are available from the contact person named in this notice. The contact person identified in this notice shall make available to the public upon request the express terms of the proposed action using underline or italics to indicate additions to, and strikeout to indicate deletions from, the California Code of Regulations. The contact person identified in this notice shall also make available to the public upon request the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared and submitted to the Office of Administrative Law, and the location of public records, including reports, documentation and other materials related to the proposed action. In addition, the above-cited materials (Initial Statement of Reasons and Express Term) may be accessed at [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov), Other Services, Legal Affairs Division, Public Comments web page.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED TEXT**

Following the written comment period, and the hearing if one is held, the department may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If modifications are made which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, the full modified text with changes clearly indicated shall be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the department adopts the resulting regulations. Request for copies of any modified regulations should be addressed to the department contact person identified in this notice. The department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are first made available to the public.